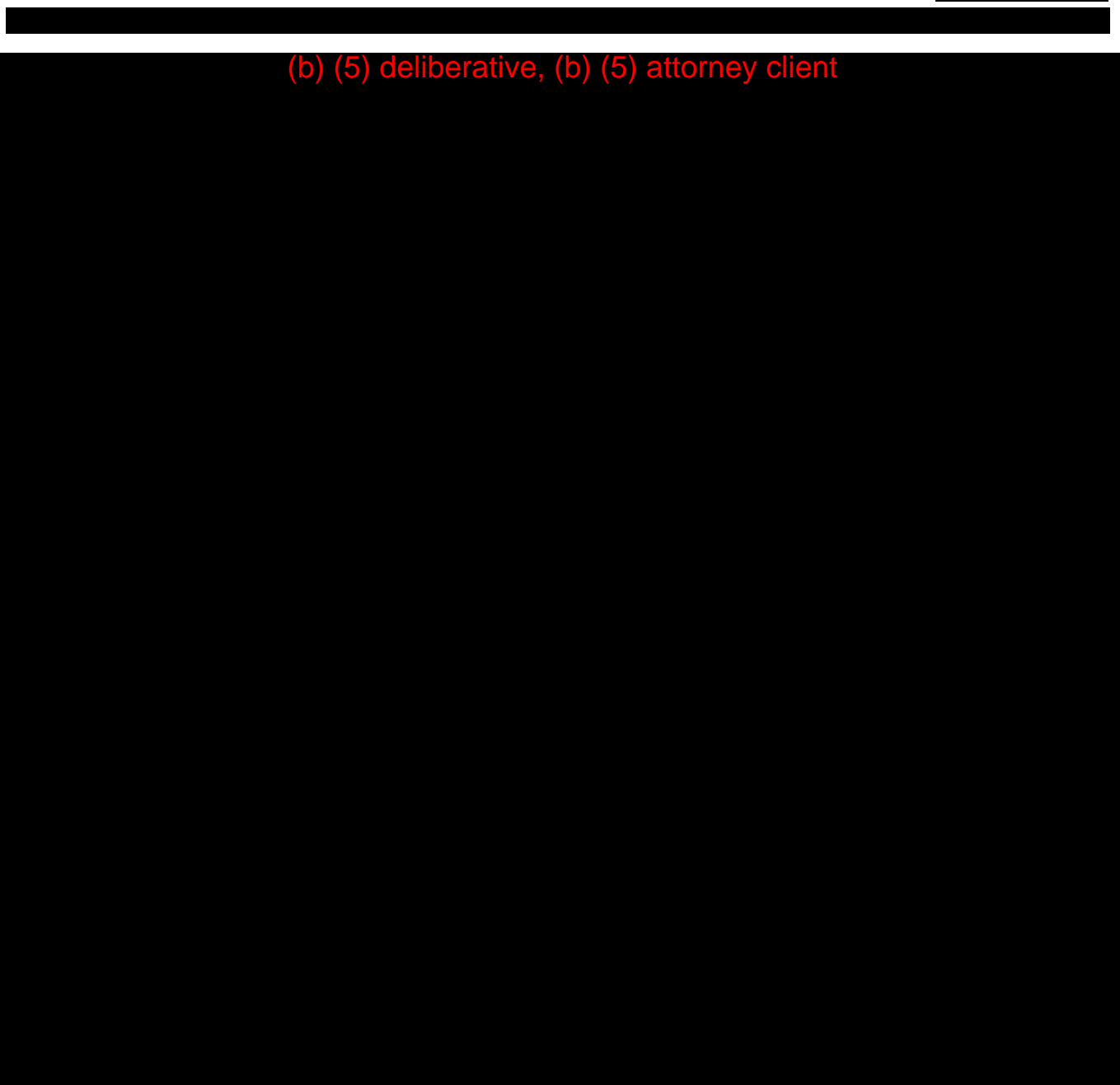


**TOPIC: Blending at Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) Treatment Plants**

**ISSUE:** POTWs often manage peak wet weather flow by routing some of the flow around secondary (biological) treatment units and then “blending” it back in with secondary treatment effluent for disinfection prior to discharge. Biological treatment units may be damaged if too much flow is routed through them. 40 CFR 122.41(m) prohibits bypass, defined as “the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of the treatment facility,” except in specified circumstances. (b) (5) deliberative



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